

Suggestions for Working Toward Lower Maintenance Gardening

Low Maintenance Plants

Low Growing Ground Covers
Reliable Bulbs
Low Maintenance Perennials
Shrubs and Small Trees

Ground Covers

Epimediums	Allegheny Pachysandra
Lenten Roses	Crane's Bill (Hardy Geranium)

Reliable Bulbs

Spring Bulbs	Allium
Lilies	Iris
Fall Blooming Crocus	

Low Maintenance Perennials

Sedum	Hosta
Coreopsis	Nepeta
Black-eyed Susan's	Ferns
Purple Coneflowers	Grasses
Hardy Geraniums	

Replacing Annuals and Perennials with Shrubs and Trees

Flowering Shrubs

Spirea	Hibiscus
Hydrangeas	Shrub Roses
Summersweet	

Small Trees

Redbuds	Kousa Dogwood
Serviceberry	Japanese Maples
Magnolia	

Other Hints for Lower Maintenance

Watering Techniques

Water less often: Deep watering promotes deeper roots, Best to water once a week
Water in early morning: Less evaporation, Less potential damage to plants
Direct water near roots

Mulching

Conserves moisture and helps to prevent weeds
Apply 2-3" of mulch
Don't allow mulch to touch the crown of the perennial

Staking plants in early spring

Master Gardener HELPLINE



CALL the Ohio State University
Extension Master Gardener
HELPLINE, for free research-based
information, regarding your
gardening, pest, or diagnostic
questions.

Speak to a Master Gardener
April through October
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Need help in identifying a plant



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